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S. 3076

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 17, 2019

Mr. ROBERTS, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, reported the following original bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CHESTER COUNTY REVERSIONARY INTEREST**

4 **RELEASE.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of Agriculture.

1 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
2 of Tennessee.

3 (3) STATE FOREST LAND.—The term “State
4 forest land” means the approximately 0.62-acre par-
5 cel of land in Chickasaw State Forest that is identi-
6 fied as “State Forest Land” on the map prepared
7 by the Forest Service entitled “State Forest Land
8 Detail Map” and dated December 13, 2019.

9 (4) WEBB PROPERTY.—The term “Webb prop-
10 erty” means the approximately 0.90-acre parcel of
11 land owned by Kirby and Leta Webb identified as
12 “Webb Property Lot 1” on the map entitled “Webb
13 Property Detail Map” and dated December 13,
14 2019.

15 (b) RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—

16 (1) RELEASE.—On the transfer of ownership of
17 the Webb property to the State for inclusion in the
18 Chickasaw State Forest and the transfer of the
19 State forest land to the State or a non-State entity,
20 by request of the State, the Secretary shall release
21 to the State, without consideration, the reversionary
22 interest of the United States in and to the State for-
23 est land described in paragraph (2).

24 (2) DESCRIPTION OF REVERSIONARY INTER-
25 EST.—The reversionary interest referred to in para-

1 graph (1) is the reversionary interest of the United
2 States in and to the State forest land that—

3 (A) requires that the State forest land be
4 used for public purposes; and

5 (B) is contained in a deed—

6 (i) granting from the United States to
7 the State the State forest land;

8 (ii) dated August 12, 1955; and

9 (iii) registered on pages 588 through
10 591 of book 48 of the record of deeds for
11 Chester County, Tennessee.

12 (c) SALE OF MINERAL RIGHTS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any valid existing
14 rights of third parties, as soon as practicable after
15 the date on which all actions described in subsection
16 (b)(1) have been carried out, the Secretary shall
17 offer to sell to the State the undivided mineral inter-
18 ests of the United States in and to the State forest
19 land.

20 (2) TERMS OF SALE.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
22 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
23 the Secretary shall determine—

24 (i) the mineral character of the State
25 forest land; and

(ii) the market value of the mineral interests referred to in paragraph (1), as determined by an appraisal conducted in accordance with subparagraph (C).

(B) PAYMENT OF COSTS.—As a condition of any sale under this subsection, the State shall pay to the United States—

(i) any administrative costs incurred by the United States in selling to the State the mineral interests referred to in paragraph (1), including the costs incurred by the Secretary in making the determinations required under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) an amount equal to the market value of the mineral interests referred to in paragraph (1), as determined under subparagraph (A)(ii).

(C) APPRAISAL REQUIREMENTS.—An appraisal conducted under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be—

(i) consistent with the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice; and

(ii) subject to the approval of the Secretary.

3 SEC. 2. ADDITIONS TO ROUGH MOUNTAIN AND RICH HOLE 4 WILDERNESSES.

5 (a) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Section 1 of
6 Public Law 100-326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note; 102 Stat.
7 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following:

“(21) ROUGH MOUNTAIN ADDITION.—Certain land in the George Washington National Forest comprising approximately 1,000 acres, as generally depicted as the ‘Rough Mountain Addition’ on the map entitled ‘GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement’ and dated March 4, 2014, which is incorporated in the Rough Mountain Wilderness Area designated by paragraph (1).”.

20 (b) RICH HOLE ADDITION.—

1 “Rich Hole Addition” on the map entitled
2 “GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOREST
3 – South half – Alternative I – Selected Alternative
4 Management Prescriptions – Land and Resources
5 Management Plan Final Environmental Impact
6 Statement” and dated March 4, 2014, is designated
7 as a potential wilderness area for incorporation in
8 the Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section
9 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;
10 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002).

11 (2) WILDERNESS DESIGNATION.—The potential
12 wilderness area designated by paragraph (1) shall be
13 designated as wilderness and incorporated in the
14 Rich Hole Wilderness Area designated by section
15 1(2) of Public Law 100–326 (16 U.S.C. 1132 note;
16 102 Stat. 584; 114 Stat. 2057; 123 Stat. 1002) on
17 the earlier of—

18 (A) the date on which the Secretary pub-
19 lishes in the Federal Register notice that the
20 activities permitted under paragraph (4) have
21 been completed; or

22 (B) the date that is 5 years after the date
23 of enactment of this Act.

24 (3) MANAGEMENT.—Except as provided in
25 paragraph (4), the Secretary shall manage the po-

1 tential wilderness area designated by paragraph (1)
2 in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
3 1131 et seq.).

4 (4) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVI-
5 TIES.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—To enhance natural
7 ecosystems within the potential wilderness area
8 designated by paragraph (1) by implementing
9 certain activities to improve water quality and
10 aquatic passage, as set forth in the Forest
11 Service document entitled “Decision Notice for
12 the Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Man-
13 agement Project” and dated December 2015,
14 the Secretary may use motorized equipment
15 and mechanized transport in the potential wil-
16 derness area until the date on which the poten-
17 tial wilderness area is incorporated into the
18 Rich Hole Wilderness Area under paragraph
19 (2).

20 (B) REQUIREMENT.—In carrying out sub-
21 paragraph (A), the Secretary, to the maximum
22 extent practicable, shall use the minimum tool
23 or administrative practice necessary to carry
24 out that subparagraph with the least amount of

1 adverse impact on wilderness character and re-
2 sources.

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